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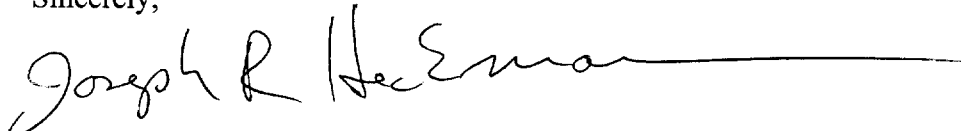
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Dear FDA:

I am writing to let you know my point of view regarding the labeling of foods with irradiation. As a consumer I do not want to purchase any foods that have been treated with irradiation because I am not convinced of the safety of the practice to the consumer of the food or the environment. Thus, I want prominent labeling of irradiated food to be retained to provide clear choices for consumers.

Sincerely,


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